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Title: Loading Status in a Hypermedia Browser Having a Limited Available Display  
Area

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**In the Claims**

**Claims pending**

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-24.
- After this Response: Claims 1-30.

**Canceled claims:** None.

**Amended claims:** Claims 1, 6, 11, 20, and 22.

**New claims:** 25-30.